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"Champions keep playing until they get it right." - Billie Jean King

HW: "Solving Higher Degree Polynomials" #8-20 even  
Test 2 on Tuesday 12/20

AIM: How do we solve higher degree polynomials?

Warm Up:

1) Solve by completing the square:  $3x^2 + 1 = 2x$

$$3x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{3x^2}{3} - \frac{2x}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x + \boxed{\frac{1}{9}} = -\frac{1}{3} + \boxed{\frac{1}{9}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} \\ -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} = -\frac{2}{9} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-\frac{2}{3}}{2} &= \frac{-2}{6} = -\frac{1}{3} \\ \left(-\frac{2}{6}\right)^2 &= \frac{4}{36} = \frac{1}{9} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{\left(x - \frac{1}{3}\right)^2} = \sqrt{-\frac{2}{9}}$$

$$x - \frac{1}{3} = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{2}{9}}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} +\frac{1}{3} \quad +\frac{1}{3} \\ \hline x = \frac{1}{3} \pm \sqrt{-\frac{2}{9}} \end{array}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3} \pm \frac{i\sqrt{2}}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

Exercises:

On a **SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER**, find:

- (a) the complete factorization of  $p(x)$ . Ex:  $(x+2)(x-3)(x+1)$   
 (b) The complete solution set for  $p(x)$ . Ex:  $x = -2, 3, -1$

1.  $p(x) = x^4 - 13x^2 + 36$  Like:  
 $x^2 - 13x + 36$

$$p(x) = (x^2 - 9)(x^2 - 4)$$

a)  $p(x) = (x+3)(x-3)(x+2)(x-2)$

b)  $x = -3, 3, -2, 2$

3.  $p(x) = (x^2 + 5x - 7)(x + 2)$

a)  $p(x) = (x^2 + 5x - 7)(x + 2)$

b)  $x = -2, \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{53}}{2}$  → Quad Formula  
 $x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{(5)^2 - 4(1)(-7)}}{2(1)}$   
 $x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{53}}{2}$

5.  $p(x) = x^5 - 12x^3 + 32x$

a)  $p(x) = x(x^4 - 12x^2 + 32)$

$p(x) = x(x^2 - 4)(x^2 - 8)$

$p(x) = (x)(x-2)(x+2)(x^2 - 8)$

b)  $x = 0, 2, -2, \pm 2\sqrt{2}$

2 is half of 4  
 so we can  
 use AM Method

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 8 &= 0 & \sqrt{8} \\ x^2 &= 8 & \sqrt{4}\sqrt{2} \\ x &= \pm\sqrt{8} & 2\sqrt{2} \\ x &= \pm 2\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

9.  $p(x) = (x^2 + 9)(x + 3)$

a)  $p(x) = (x^2 + 9)(x + 3)$

b)  $x = -3, \pm 3i$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 9 &= 0 \\ x^2 &= -9 \\ x &= \pm\sqrt{-9} \\ x &= \pm 3i \end{aligned}$$

15.  $p(x) = 16x^4 - 1$  ↖ DOTS

a)  $p(x) = (4x^2 + 1)(4x^2 - 1)$

$p(x) = (4x^2 + 1)(2x - 1)(2x + 1)$

$2x - 1 = 0$   
 $2x = 1$   
 $x = \frac{1}{2}$

$2x + 1 = 0$   
 $2x = -1$   
 $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

$4x^2 + 1 = 0$   
 $4x^2 = -1$   
 $x^2 = -\frac{1}{4}$   
 $x = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{1}{4}}$   
 $x = \pm \frac{1}{2}i$

b)  $x = \pm \frac{1}{2}i, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$

17.  $p(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 6$  (hint: -1 is one of the roots)

$(x+1)$  is a factor

$x^2 + 5x + 6$   
 $x+1 \overline{) x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 6}$   
 $-(x^3 + x^2) \downarrow$   
 $5x^2 + 11x$   
 $-(5x^2 + 5x) \downarrow$   
 $6x + 6$   
 $-(6x + 6)$   
 $0$

a)  $p(x) = (x+1)(x^2 + 5x + 6)$

$p(x) = (x+1)(x+3)(x+2)$

b)  $x = -1, -3, -2$

19.  $p(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 8x + 12$  (hint: -3 is one of the roots)